

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 – 53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently amended) A user content delivery method comprising:

at an agent resident on a network element in a network,

establishing a set of user content delivery preferences relating~~ing~~ to user

content to be delivered at a future time, wherein the set of user

content delivery preferences comprises at least one of delivery

time and delivery cost; ~~delivery of content,~~

receiving ~~at an agent~~ a request from a wireless terminal connected to ~~[[a]]~~

the network, the request directed to the user content for which user

content delivery preferences have been established;

~~at the agent,~~ sourcing the user content in response to receiving the request;

~~and~~

~~at the agent,~~ selecting, based on said set of user content delivery

preferences, between at least two networks over which to deliver

said user content from the agent to the terminal; ~~and~~

scheduling delivery of ~~delivering~~ the content from the agent to the terminal over the selected network.

55. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising maintaining in the agent a log of sourced user content relating to the request.

56. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 55, further comprising maintaining in the log an indication of the delivery status of the user content.

57. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 56, further comprising acknowledging receipt of the user content over a duplex network.

58. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 57, further comprising updating the delivery status of the log on receiving an acknowledgement receipt.

59. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising notifying over a duplex network the terminal prior to the delivery of the user content over a simplex network.

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising reviewing user content items on a data carousel, and determining from the reviewing step if any forthcoming user content matches the user request.

62. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising conducting a search for user content relating to the request, ~~preferably using the internet~~ a network.

63. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising storing in the agent information relating to the last update of user content relating to the request and/or information relating to the user's time and/or frequency of updating preferences and/or information relating to domains to which searching relating to the user content request is limited.

64. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 54, further comprising storing in the agent user preferences relating to plural users, and optionally sourcing an item of user content, and sending the user content to plural users, and optionally maintaining in the agent a log of which users have received the item of user content.

65. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 64, in which the plural users each are able to define a relevance level of user content of which they require delivery.

66. (Currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in~~ The user content delivery method of claim 64, comprising periodically sourcing content, and using the user preferences for the plural users to determine which users the content is required by.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Cancelled)

69. (New) The user content delivery method of claim 54 further comprising:
scheduling the timing of the delivery of the user content so that the
wireless terminal can improve power consumption by limiting an
amount of time the wireless terminal is connected to the selected
network.

70. (New) The user content delivery method of claim 54 wherein the set of
user content delivery preferences further comprises a selection of at least one domain
from which content is to be sourced.

71. (New) The user content delivery method of claim 54 further comprising:
automating multiple user content delivery events at different times in the future in
response to the request without further user interaction after receipt of the
request.

72. (New) An apparatus comprising:
a memory storing a computer program configured to operate a user content
delivery agent function in a network; and
a controller configured to execute the computer program, wherein when the
program is executed the following operations are performed:
establishing a set of user content delivery preferences relating to user
content to be delivered at a future time, wherein the set of user
content delivery preferences comprises at least one of delivery
time and delivery cost;
receiving a request from a wireless terminal connected to the network, the
request directed to the user content for which user content delivery
preferences have been established;
sourcing the user content in response to receiving the request;
selecting, based on said set of user content delivery preferences, between
at least two network over which to deliver said user content from
the agent to the terminal; and

scheduling delivery of the content from the agent to the terminal over the
selected network.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 72 wherein the operations further
comprise:

scheduling the timing of the delivery of the user content so that the
wireless terminal can improve power consumption by limiting an
amount of time the wireless terminal is connected to the selected
network.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 72 wherein the set of user content delivery
preferences further comprises a selection of at least one domain from which content is to
be sourced.

75. (New) The apparatus of claim 72 wherein the operations further
comprise:

automating multiple user content delivery events at different times in the future in
response to the request without further user interaction after receipt of the
request.

76. (New) An apparatus comprising a memory storing a computer program,
wherein when executed the computer program is configured to provide a user content

delivery agent function in a network by performing operations, the operations comprising:

establishing a set of user content delivery preferences relating to user content to be delivered at a future time, wherein the set of user content delivery preferences comprises at least one of delivery time and delivery cost;

receiving a request from a wireless terminal connected to the network, the request directed to the user content for which user content delivery preferences have been established;

sourcing the user content in response to receiving the request;

selecting, based on said set of user content delivery preferences, between at least two network over which to deliver said user content from the agent to the terminal; and

scheduling delivery of the content from the agent to the terminal over the selected network.